

## SONG INSPIRATION VIDEO

"Blade of Grass"

Ben Will

## Activity Summary

- ✓ Students watch the video and answer the comprehension questions about the inspiration for the song "*Blade of Grass*".

## Associated Video



"Song Inspiration Video"

<https://thelyricsproject.org/package/ben-will/>

## Lesson Plan



1. Print the second page of this activity for all students.
2. Ask students to read the questions first and then take notes while they watch the video.
3. Play the video once while students take notes.
4. Tell students to check their answers with their partner and then play the video again so they can listen again.
5. After listening a second time, check the answers as a class.

## Online Tip



This activity can be easily replicated online. Students can discuss their answers with their classmates in breakout rooms.

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Read the following questions. Then, watch the video about the inspiration for the song *Blade of Grass* to help you answer the questions. Take notes while you watch the video.

1. What are winters in Detroit, Michigan usually like?
2. How did Ben Will get the idea for the song lyrics, "*it's like a blade of grass, dancing in the wind*"?
3. Ben Will says we can be *resilient*. What does *resilient* mean?
4. What do the blades of grass in the song represent?
5. Judging from how Ben Will talks about winters in Detroit, Michigan, how do you think he feels about the cold and the snow?